GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:519
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2000
TECHNOLOGY EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Technology Export Development corporation in collaboration with the confederation in collaboration with the confederation of Indian Industry:

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The time by which the Corporation is likely to be set up ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a), (b) & (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 519 FOR ANS ON 02.5.2000.

(a), (b) & (c) : The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) IN THE ministry of Science and Technology of the Government of India and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) entered into an `Agreement` on 29th March, 2000 to set up, within a maximum period of three years from the date of this `Agreement, a `Technology Exports Development Organisation (TEDO)`, as an independent registered non-profit Society under the Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.Towards this, the DSIR and CII have also agreed to undertake activities related to promotion of exports of technologies and technology intensive projects, products and services from India through an independent Cell in CII before setting up TEDOThe TEDO is conceived as a long term mechanism to boost technology intensive exports from India. While no firm commitment is made at this stage to convert the independent Cell in CII into a Technology Exports Development Organisation (DEDO), DSIRand CII may review the progress of activities of the future but before the end of three years from the date of this `Agreement`.

The main objective of setting up of an independent Cell in CII and subsequently, a `Technology Exports Development Organisation (TED)` is to promote and support technology, exports through collaborative efforts of government, industry, research & academic institutions, financial institutions and other export promotion agencies. It has been planned to undertake activities in four major categories under the independent Cell in CII, viz.
(i) Technology Export Information Services,
(ii) Training,
(iii) Trade Fairs and Technology Demonstrations and
(iv) Technology related Joint Ventures abroad. The DSIR will provide a financial support to the tune of Rs. 1.40 crores to CII, over a period of three years, for implementation of programmes and activities of the independent Cell in CII.In addition, the CII will provide space, infrastructure and professional management for operation of the independent Cell in CII, estimated at around Rs. 1.42 crores. The independent Cell in CII will operate under the guidance of a two-tier Committee, viz. an Advisory Committee, which will give broad directions for the functioning of the Cell and an Executive Committee, which will help in implementing the activities of the Cell.